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SUBJECT: TIN: MEETING OF ITC STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

REF: A. LONDON 2748, B. LONDON 3193

1. FOLLOWING ARE DATA ON QUARTERLY US TIN CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION, AND STOCKS, AS REQUESTED REF A (ALL FIGURES IN LONG TONS; FIGURES PRIOR TO 1974 ARE ACTUAL, 1974 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY, AND 1975 ARE ESTIMATES):

(A) US PRIMARY TIN CONSUMPTION

-- 1ST QTR. 2ND QTR. 3RD QTR. 4TH QTR. TOTAL

1974 - 14,645 14,645 12,340 11,170 52,800

1975 - 12,000(E) 13,000(E) 12,500(E)

(B) US SECONDARY TIN CONSUMPTION

1974 - 4,065 4,035 3,145 3,195 14,440

1975 - 4,000(E) 4,000(E) 4,000(E)

(C) US PRIMARY TIN PRODUCTION (SEE ALSO PARA TWO BELOW)

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1974 - 1,012 2,233 1,436 1,196 5,900

1975 - 1,500(E) 1,500(E) 1,500(E)

(D) CONSUMER STOCKS OF TIN METAL (AT END OF QUARTER)

1973 - 24,260 22,225 22,625 23,992

1974 - 22,030 24,455 25,400 25,080

1975 - 24,000(E) 22,000(E) 23,000(E)

2. RE QUESTION RAISED BY ITC ABOUT SHARP DROP IN US  
PRIMARY TIN PRODUCTION IN THIRD QUARTER 1973 (REFTEL B),  
SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SO-CALLED "PRODUCTION" FIGURES  
ACTUALLY REPRESENT TIN CONTENT OF CONCENTRATES DELIVERED  
TO SMELTER DURING REPORTING PERIOD, BASED ON US IMPORT  
DATA. ACTUAL PRODUCTION FIGURES WITHHELD, SINCE THERE IS  
ONLY ONE TIN SMELTER IN US, AND PRODUCTION DATA CONSIDERED  
COMPANY CONFIDENTIAL. HOWEVER, OVER PERIOD OF TIME  
ACTUAL PRODUCTION CORRESPONDS CLOSELY WITH CONCENTRATE  
DELIVERY FIGURES. RE SHARP "DROP" REFERRED TO IN REF B  
(FROM 1,080 LT IN 2ND QTR 1973 TO 199 LT IN 3RD QTR), US  
BUREAU OF MINES ESTIMATES THAT CONCENTRATE STOCKS AT  
SMELTER ENABLED ACTUAL PRODUCTION AT NORMAL RATE DESPITE  
DECLINE IN DELIVERIES OF NEW CONCENTRATES. INGERSOLL

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